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SUBJ: BUNKER FUEL SHORTAGE

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS FUEL RATIONING MAY BE IMPOSED ON ALL SHIPS CALLING SA HARBORS BECAUSE OF DEVELOPING SHORTAGE OF BUNKER FUEL. ACCORDING ONE REPORT, BUNKER FUEL SUPPLIES HAVE DROPPED BY MORE THAN 30 PER CENT WITH RESULT THAT OIL COMPANIES HAVE ESTABLISHED PRIORITY LIST FOR SHIPS SEEKING FUEL. HIGHEST PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN COASTAL SHIPPING FOLLOWED BY SHIPS TRADING WITH SOUTH AFRICA, PASSING TRADERS WITH BUNKER FUEL CONTRACTS AND, FINALLY, CASUAL CALLERS. ONLY LAST CATEGORY CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY OBTAIN BUNKERS.

2. BUNKER SITUATION MOST SERIOUS CAPE TOWN HARBOR WHERE CALTEX REFINERY HAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS". CAPE TOWN NOW BEING RESUPPLIED FROM DURBAN-BASED SHELL BP AND MOBIL REFINERIES. THIS HAS ALSO RESULTED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF BUNKERS AVAILABLE AT DURBAN. SITUATION

EXPECTED IMPROVE BY MID-DECEMBER THOUGH BUNKER FUEL WILL
PROBABLY CONTINUE TIGHT FOR CASUAL CALLERS UNTIL MIDDLE EAST
TAPS AGAIN OPEN FULL.
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